



Mária Kopecká

Senior Associate

Mária Kopecká specialises in the public sector, especially public contracts and concession proceedings. She further focuses on legal advice in the area of municipal law, projects co-funded by EU operational programmes, and, significantly, public transport services.

As for the public sector, in particular public contracts and concessions, Mária provides comprehensive legal advice in relation to public procurement and concessions (both on the side of contracting authorities and on the side of suppliers), including advice during the preparation and organisation of procurement procedures, participation of suppliers in the procedures or drafting technical reports and analyses in this regard. Mária has also participated in the legal representation of many clients in proceedings before the Office for the Protection of Competition and in administrative justice.

In the area of transport, she focuses on comprehensive legal advice on public transport services on the municipal and regional level, and on fulfilling requirements for operators of public transport services.

She has been cooperating with our law firm in various positions since 2012.

Projects

- advising a contracting authority (territorial self-government unit) on concession proceedings to select a private partner for revitalising and operating a cultural building
- advising a contracting authority (territorial self-government unit) on administering a procurement procedure to secure public transport services on the territory of a region
- advising a sector contracting entity (operator of the power transmission system of the Czech Republic) related to the enforcement of claims following a breach of a public contract
- advising a contracting authority on administering an IT procurement procedure in relation to the supply of an information system
- advising a territorial self-government unit in relation to its transportation company's provision of public transport services
- advising a territorial self-government unit on the lease and usufructuary lease of municipal property to a private entity
- advising a contracting authority (central government authority) in several proceedings on a review of the contractor's acts
- advising a subsidy provider in relation to checks of more than 100 projects co-funded by an EU operational programme in the environmental area
- advising several recipients of EU subsidies in relation to payments for breaches of budgetary discipline
- creating internal guidelines on public procurement for territorial self-government units

Membership in professional associations

Czech Bar Association

Languages

Czech, Slovak, English

Education

Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Brno (2014), Mgr. (Master of Laws)

Publications

- *May suppliers limit their liability when submitting a joint bid?* Veřejné zakázky v praxi, July 2018
- *New government decrees and contracts for public transportation services;* Veřejné zakázky v praxi, March 2017
- *Opening envelopes in two stages or the double envelope system;* Veřejné zakázky v praxi, November 2016
- *Assessment of team members – Practical aspects and first experience;* Veřejné zakázky v praxi, July 2016
- *Fewer exclusions due to formalities – Extended option to clarify and supplement bids in the new Public Procurement Act;* E-pravo.cz, December 2015
- Practical matters related to blacklisting, Veřejné zakázky v praxi, July 2015